



NSW Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (NSWHPA)

Spectator Behaviour Policy

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Our Commitment

Our association is committed to providing a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by spectators, members, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a flying site (launch or landing), competition or event will not be tolerated.

These behaviours are outlined in our Member Code of Behaviour and specifically include:

- Using bad language
- Harassing or ridiculing pilots, Senior Safety officers (SSO), event officials or other spectators
- Making racist, religious, sexist or other inappropriate comments to pilots, event officials, SSOs or other spectators - either in person, texting, phone or radio (VHF/UHF) communications
- Any threatening behaviour or physical altercation between spectators and pilots, event officials or other spectators
- Putting undue pressure on any pilot, particularly the young or inexperienced, berating them or putting down their performance
- Drinking during flying or being drunk at an association event or a competition event.

What we will do

- Provide all Sports Aviation Federation of Australia (SAFA) members, significant others (family and friends) and other sporting personnel with our Member Code of Behaviour and make clear what is expected and the consequences of non-compliance.
- Reinforce messages of fair and respectful behaviour by providing information on our website, in any newsletter, on competition communication and through other association communication.
- Encourage our pilots, Senior Safety Officers and Duty Pilots as well as event officials to complete training to develop their skills and confidence.



- Ban drinking alcohol during flying days - at least until the cessation of all flying activities, and make this known on competition event communication.
- Encourage the reporting of incidents and investigate inappropriate behaviours as outlined in this policy and take disciplinary or whatever other actions as are deemed necessary.
- Encourage our pilots and event officials and spectators to call the police if they are concerned about escalating behaviour and their safety or the safety of others.

What we ask you to do

- Help create a positive atmosphere for pilots, Senior Safety Officers, Duty Pilots, event officials and other spectators by showing respect for pilots, officials and other spectators.
- Abide by our associations Code of Behaviour and refrain from using bad language, harassing or ridiculing others or behaving in a threatening or violent manner.
- If you are aware of inappropriate spectator behaviour and you feel confident to do so, speak with the person and ask them to stop. If there is an event official, safety officer, club official or association committee member present, ask for their assistance.
- Report any inappropriate spectator behaviour to the association president or someone in a position of authority.
- Call the police or an event official if you are concerned for your safety or the safety of others.

Non-Compliance

Pilots or others found to have behaved inappropriately, and have agreed to abide by our associations Member Code of Behaviour and this policy, may face disciplinary action as outlined in our Member Protection Policy.